Budget Message

In FY 2002/03, the Department of Public Works will begin a new phase of the alternative surface treatment program for unpaved roads, expanding its application beyond the original 3year initiative for up to 120 miles of roads. The Department will also address many new challenges with regionally significant transportation and stormwater projects made possible by Grant and Legislative awards and the 2001 Trails Bond Issue. The 10-year one cent sales tax initiative that voters approved in 2001 will provide funding to over \$15 million in countywide transportation projects.

The Road Operations Section continues to address sidewalk deficiency repair, tree trimming initiatives, street sweeping program, and the maintenance of existing roads as they mature.

In the **Stormwater Section**, completion of 11 of the 16 Basin Engineering Evaluations has identified 126 Capital Projects with a total cost of \$ 103,000,000. Currently, the St Johns River Middle Basin Initiative has identified State funds for a few regional projects.

The Division continues to develop and enhance an extensive volunteer network including Lakewatch and WAV (Watershed Action Volunteers) who actively extend our public education, drain stenciling and other water quality initiatives into the community.

In July 2001, we began a 5-year process with FDEP and other stakeholders to develop Total Maximum Daily Load limits for impaired waters in Seminole County.

The Traffic Engineering Division will continue with ongoing efforts to complete the Seminole County Advanced Traffic Management System. Once completed, this system will deploy components of an Intelligent Transportation System and will form a common communication platform with our neighboring agencies to

provide better traffic management service throughout the Central Florida area.

Over 15 miles of fiber optic communication lines will be added to the current network in FY 02/03. Also, traffic maintenance activities related to construction projects will be redirected to lessen the impact of construction activities on motorists.

The Engineering Division Special Projects Section (Trails Program) will initiate design of the Cross Seminole Trail North section (3.5 miles), construction of the Seminole Wekiva Trail phases 2 and 3 (6.8 miles), the I-4 Trail Overpass and the SR 434 Trail Overpass (Winter Springs) design / build projects. The Lake Mary Boulevard and Red Bug Lake Road Pedestrian Overpass projects will be initiated in FY 2003 with funding provided by the 2001 one-cent sales tax initiative.

All road projects to be funded from the 1991 one cent sales tax have been completed or are under development. Current projects under construction are County Road 46A, Markham Woods/Douglas, County Road 427, and Tuskawilla Road. Future construction includes East Lake Mary Boulevard, County Road 419, Dodd Road, Wymore Road, County Road 15, Sand Lake Road, Eden Park and Bunnell Roads, and additional phases of previously mentioned projects.

Projects to be funded from the 2001 one cent sales tax include sidewalks along Seminole Avenue, E.E. Williamson Road, Country Club Road, Dike Road, Derbyshire Road, and Balmy Beach Drive, as well as road improvements on Longwood/Markham Road, Lake Emma Road, and Markham Woods Road.

The Department of Public Works remains the frontline county department, dealing with citizens' and customers' concerns, providing timely, essential services that improve the quality of life.